

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,
Swift and Company Meat Processing Plant
698 White Street
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

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Site Location: 698 White Street
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 8.2
Cadastral grid : NE1/4 NE1/4 S25 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.691840.4707700
Lot dimensions : 153.9'x 61' : .22 acre
Lot description: City Lots 359, 360 and 361
Present Owner: Design Center, Inc.
Present Usage: food processing plant
Present Condition: good

Overall Dimensions: 100'x 60'; 1 story
Orientation : west
Architectural Plan type : rectangle
Description : Foundation: coursed limestone ashlar perimeter walls.
Structure : wood frame with brick masonry bearing and fire walls.
Ext. walls: face brick laid in running bond.
Roof : flat composition roof with brick parapets.
Chimneys : none
Windows : all original windows infilled with brick or, in the northeast corner, replaced with painted wood 3/1 double-hung windows with concrete lug sill and loose lintel.
Openings : main entrance in northwest corner: original doorway replaced with single-leaf door and glass block surround.
Details : raised brick bands with concrete corner blocks.

Construction Date : 1923

Architecture Style: 20th Century Functional

Physical History : Built in 1923 on the southeast corner of White and Seventh streets, this single-story brick building first housed the Dubuque office and processing plant of Swift and Company Wholesale Meats, which had moved here from its previous plant on Locust Street. The building was divided into two equal parts by a masonry fire wall: the business office was situated in the northeast corner, surrounded by a storage room; behind the fire wall was a processing room and behind that a large cold storage room. From the mid-1930s until recently, it has housed the National Butter Company. The present tenant, Midwest Meat Distributors, is another meat processing firm.

Significance: Built at a relatively late date, this modest building is a contributing element to this historic commercial/industrial district.

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